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**PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2013 AS CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM), conducted every October since 2001, is a national public awareness campaign to encourage everyone to protect their computers and the nation's critical cyber infrastructure. Cyber security covers a wide range of practices designed to keep people and their computer systems safe when accessing the Internet.

Cyber security requires vigilance 365 days per year. However, the Department of Homeland Security, the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org), and the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (www.msisac.org), the primary drivers of NCSAM, along with the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), coordinate to shed a brighter light in October on what home users, schools, businesses and governments need to do in order to protect their computers, data, and most importantly, the children.

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Therefore, the Board of Supervisors should strongly encourage all Los Angeles County departments to engage their employees to increase their awareness through facilitating and participating in activities and events throughout this month and continually to increase awareness throughout the year.

These activities and events ranges from national webcasts as disseminated from the Los Angeles County's Chief Information Security Officer, dedicating a departmental web page to address NCSAM and information security best practices, providing an online or facilitated security awareness event, posting of banners, distribution of newsletters, and providing blogs to address employees' questions/answers on cyber security and information security practices, where everyone will benefit.

Some of the Los Angeles County departments, including Assessor, Chief Information Office, Child Support Services, Children and Family Services, County Counsel, Internal Services, Public Health, Public Library, and Regional Planning have planned activities and/or events to recognize NCSAM, through the leadership of their respective departmental Information Security Officers.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1) Proclaim October 2013 as Cyber Security Awareness Month in the County of Los Angeles;

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- 2) All County employees, business and education professionals and residents are encouraged to learn more about cyber security and to participate in scheduled webinar cyber security training sessions; and
- 3) All County employees, business and education professionals and residents can put this knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

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